

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Gary Johnson, Woodlawn Baptist Church offered the invocation and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director. Absent: Benny Gooze, Public Works Director and Pam Franklin, HR Director.

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, 3801 Old Louisville Road, thanked City Council for installing the new street lights on Old Louisville Road. He said we are still having a problem with speeding on Old Louisville Road. He said what is the status on getting CAT service in the Old Louisville Road?

Mayor Bethune said I have a meeting Friday a week with the Executive Director of Chatham Area Transit.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing:

PC1608, Rezoning of Dean Forest Road Parcels: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone the following parcels from R2 to I2 except for the portion within the 60 ft. boundary line shall be zoned as C2: 226 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-016Z); 228 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-016Y); 224 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-002); 4919 Travis Field Road (6-0924A-02-003); 220 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-004); 218 Travis Field Road (6-0924A-02-005); 216 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-006); 214 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-007); 212 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-008); 206 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-010); 210 Travis Field Road (6-0924A-02-009); 204 Dean Forest Road (6-0924A-02-011); Old Louisville Road (6-0924A-02-013A); and Old Louisville Road (6-0924A-02-013B).

Planning/Zoning Director said the rezoning is at the request of the property owners. He said their initial request was for I-2, but the individual parcels are not large enough for I-2. He said I had a meeting with

the property owners and everyone agreed with I-2 except for the portion within the 60 ft. boundary line will be zoned as C-2. He said this is to keep the 60 ft. strip for buffering.

Councilmember Tice said everyone is 100% backing this. She said they understand that the Burgess property could be developed and the others might be there a while until their property sells.

City Manager said I am concerned about having a set buffer width, because I-2 can come right up to the buffer.

Councilmember Tice said that is my concern too, because I'm afraid some of these residents may get stuck if their property doesn't sell.

City Manager said there will have to be some area wide planning done.

Mayor Bethune said it would be ideal if all the properties were purchased at one time.

Ms. Phyllis Holland, 220 Dean Forest Road said we all talked about the best way to do this and we thank you for your support.

Ms. Patricia Burgess, property owner of 224, 226 & 228 Dean Forest Road said I'm in favor of the rezoning.

There being no further comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bethune said the vote will be taken at the next council meeting. He said if the vote is unanimous then we can hold the second reading. He said if the vote is not unanimous it will need to come back before council at the June 20th meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 5/2/16 and the Workshop Synopsis dated 5/9/16.

Staff Reports:

Planning & Zoning Director presented the monthly report for the Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

Information Technology Director presented the monthly report for the Information Technology Department.

Water Operations Director presented the monthly report for the Water Operations Department.

Chief of Police presented the monthly report for the Police Department.

Fire Chief presented the monthly report for the Fire Department.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Sunday Alcohol Sales (Malt Beverages & Wines): Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to request the election superintendent of Chatham County, Georgia, to call and conduct an election for the purpose of submitting to the present electors of Garden City, Georgia, the question of package sales of malt beverages and wines on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. by properly licensed retailers for approval or rejection.

Mayor Bethune said three or four years ago there was a referendum on the ballot for Sunday Alcohol Sales. He said alcohol sales was included in that referendum and it did not pass. He said this referendum is only for the sale of wines, beer and malt beverages on Sundays. He said I have reached out to several

grocery stores about locating here and they said that the sale of beer and wines on Sunday would help. He said if this resolution passes it will be put on the November ballot for the voters to decide.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Area 2): Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that CAJENN Construction & Rehabilitation Services, Inc., perform the remaining sanitary sewer system rehabilitation work in Area 2 of the City through a change order to the contractor's current contract for sanitary sewer rehabilitation work in Area 1 and the first part of Area 2, and that the cost of such work (estimated at \$400,000) be funded through the allocation of funds first from the FY2015 fund balance in the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget, and then from the FY2016 operating funds, and that the City Manager is authorized to sign the change order agreement with CAJENN and related agreements with the City's consulting engineer for the project Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood.

City Manager said the City is systematically working in the southwest and northeast of the City repairing the sanitary sewer lines to reduce the infiltration of groundwater.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution Railroad Quiet Zones Consultant Proposal: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia, to enter into an agreement with R.L. Banks & Associates, Inc., to perform a feasibility study on establishing quiet zones with five (5) areas of Garden City where there are a number of residential streets crossed by one of more railroad lines and where locomotive horns would be potentially silenced; to authorize the City Manager to execute a proposal and agreement for said services; and for other purposes.

City Manager said R.L. Banks & Associates are experts in quiet zone analysis. He said they will perform an assessment on five different of the City and come up with a plan as well as cost estimates. He said once the information is put together it will be brought to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Bethune said once the cost is determined we will look at exploring our options.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Transcribed by Clerk of Council

Approved by Council 6/6/16

